

# Fourth Annual California Municipal Finance Conference

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## **EBMUD Overview**



- Municipal utility district providing water and wastewater services to East Bay
- Population Served: 1.4 million
- Size of Service Area: 325 square miles
- ◆ Total Revenues: \$412 million
- Total Assets: \$3.7 billion
- Total Debt Outstanding: \$2.1 billion
- Bond Rating: AA



## **Overview of Retirement System**

- 1,801 active participants
- 1,052 retired participants and beneficiaries
- Contribution rates: District 26.4%, Employee 6.83%
- Actuarial value of assets- \$696 million
- Actuarial accrued liability- \$1 billion
- Funded ratio- 69.5%
- Retirement formula
  - 2.6% for each year of service
  - Average of highest two years of salary
  - Full retirement at age 54 and 30 years of service



## **HIB Benefit**

- Vested benefit of \$450/month for retiree, and \$550/month for retiree plus one
- Fully vested with 20 years service, vest in 25% increments every 5 years
- Survey HIB provided by other agencies annually and adjust benefit periodically
- Set up as a trust fund
- Actuarial accrued liability of \$72 million
- Funded ratio of 4.7%



#### **HIB** Issues

- Ad hoc increases to HIB increase accrued liability and result in low funding percentage
  - In future plan to fund the prior service cost up front
- Pressure from retirees and active employees to have fully funded HIB for retiree plus one
  - Only consider improvements to HIB during MOU negotiations
- Unfunded liability will decline slowly over 30 years
  - Consider shorter amortization period
- Short-term investment performance should not guide long-term benefit decisions